

To: Alumnae and other Friends:
From: Wesleyan Alumnae Association

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Dr. Fred W. Hicks is Wesleyan's 20th President:

Dr. Fred W. Hicks, Executive Vice President of Rollins College, assumed the presidency of Wesleyan September 1 as the first college chartered to grant degrees to women began its 144th year. His election was announced August 7, culminating a search initiated last September when Dr. W. Earl Strickland resigned. The latter continued in office to complete his 20th year, longest in Wesleyan's history, while the Search Committee, headed by Trustee Frank C. Jones, processed 150 candidates. Dr. Thomas F. Boyd, Vice President for Academic Affairs, served as Interim President for two months.

Trustee Chairman Randolph W. Thrower said at the introductory luncheon that the new president "represents the kind of dynamic, experienced, competent, and inspired leadership we had hoped to find. Though in his 40's he has gained a recognized position both as an academic leader and as an administrator in practically all functions of a private college...He values highly the concept that special values can be provided at a woman's college. Both he and his wife, Ann, have a great appreciation for Wesleyan's cultural and religious heritage and of the potential for greater contributions to the future of our region and country."

Dr. Hicks, Vice President of Rollins since 1977, spent four months as Acting President. Beginning in 1964 as Dean of Men he served as Professor of History, Executive Assistant to the President, Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Director of Capital Gifts, Director of Development and Public Relations, and Dean of Student Affairs. He is a former Director of Financial Aid at Arizona State University.

A leader in professional, civic, fraternal, and honorary activities he served on the Board of Trustees of Winter Park Memorial Hospital and the Administrative Board of Sun First National Bank at Winter Park, also Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Winter Park Public Library and a Director of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce. In the Orlando area he was a Trustee of Loch Haven Art Center, on the Board of Governors of Gordon J. Barnett Foundation, on the Aviation and Cultural Affairs Committees of the Orlando Area Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Economics Club of Orlando, of the Advisory Board of Hospice Orlando, and of the Industrial Commission of Mid-Florida.

Born in Detroit, he is an honor graduate of the University of Michigan, where he also earned the MA and PhD degrees. In his "spare time" at Rollins he earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. Mrs. Hicks, a native of Oak Park, Illinois, has a BA from Michigan, has done graduate work at Arizona State and UNC at Chapel Hill. She has her MA from Rollins. The Hicks have two children, Frederick W. Hicks IV, 7, and Sara Louise, 3. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Wesleyan Meets her New President:

September was a busy month for Wesleyan's new president, a month of getting to know the place and its people, of taking account of its aspirations and problems. His pace has been dizzy, his grasp remarkable, say those on campus and in the community. He glows when he speaks of the warm reception he has received hereabouts.

At Annual Convocation September 4 he made his first formal appearance. He told the freshman that he, too, was a freshman, (an anonymous junior later wrote a note asking to be his Big Sister). He had marched in with the students and faculty, all dignified in caps and gowns, eager to listen to the new leader. He said that renewal is a dynamic project, a quickening of the spirit...education is more important than ever, and Liberal Arts the most important of all...that Wesleyan is old in point of history, but young in spirit..that to be worthy of our history we must offer intellectual excellence.

On September 13 he presided at a special called meeting of the faculty. Four areas of concern to be given priority this year he announced are enrollment, compensation of faculty, building renovations, and development of institutional resources, including annual giving, special gifts, and community programs (adult education).

On September 15 he addressed Annual Alumnae Council, attended by women from eleven cities of Georgia and Florida, also Jamie Tyson Dodd, of Oceanside, N.Y., who was accompanied by her husband, Grover. The new president of the College was introduced by the new president of the Alumnae Association, Karen Connor Shockley, '63. Again he stressed his dedication to excellence, which he desires in students, faculty, administration, and himself.

Alumnae that day, like faculty, staff, students, and members of the Macon business community, found him warm, personable, energetic, and dedicated to the task ahead. Others will have the opportunity to meet him soon at receptions in Macon, Atlanta, Savannah, Brunswick, Columbus, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, and Quincy, Fla. He will be the speaker at the Annual Alumnae Weekend, April 18-19, 1980. One of the first unofficial welcomes given President Hicks was when Wesley-annes serenaded him, impromptu, in the Burden Parlor, Casey Thurman, '65, leader.

Come to 1980 Alumnae Weekend! :

"We Begin a Banner Decade" is the theme of Alumnae Weekend, April 18-19. Trustee Chairman Randolph Thrower labelled this the start of a New Era at Wesleyan. The Alumnae accept the challenge to make it "the best in the history of the College." Laura Sullivan Barkley, '68, of Atlanta, is VP in charge of the weekend. Reunion Classes are 1977, 1975, 1970, 1965, 1960, 1955 Silver, 1950, 1945 Jade, 1940, 1935, 1930 Golden, 1925, 1920, 1915, 1910, 1905. Whether or not this is your Reunion year, make plans now to come back home to Wesleyan -- and bring a friend, husband, prospective students, says Frances Van Horn, Alumnae Director.

Pecans...Pecans...Pecans for Sale:

Everybody needs nuts for Christmas baking and gifts. You may order Select Georgia shelled pecans through the Alumnae Office. They come in one-pound polyfilm bags, two to a box, or you may order a case of 25 one-pound bags sent direct from Fort Valley, Ga. to you. Proceeds will go toward alumnae projects. Every alumna is urged to support this fund-raising effort. Watch for flyer with coupon.

Elderhostel Mini Mester:

A program under the auspices of the Elderhostel network is set for the week of January 14-17, 1980, a Mini Mester (Elderhostel) open to all who have an interest in the southern heritage. This chance to experience again the joy of learning will include all the facets of the southern experience. Seminars will be offered on southern folklore, literature, history and art, and the treasures of Wesleyan, also tours to places of historical interest in and around Macon. The total college program will be available to participants -- student recitals, theatrical performances, and art exhibits. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tom Boyd, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

New Business Degree Program:

This year Wesleyan offers a new degree program in Business. Presently, the college gives a BA in Business; the program will now include the BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration). This degree meets the increased interest in the business field; majors will be available in Accounting, Marketing, and Management. If you know of students interested in a business career, tell them about your college and this new program.

Center for Continuing Education:

One of the most rapidly expanding markets in education is the area of adult education. Our changing world has made it necessary for people to be in the state of continuing education. Wesleyan is designing a Center for Continuing Education to meet the needs of adults in Middle Georgia as well as the Southeast. Wesleyan is sponsoring a two-day seminar November 1st and 2nd for 300 physicians and nurses. The center will be responsible for the development of seminars, short courses, workshops, and other programs. If you know of specific educational needs in your community, Wesleyan could be of help. Business courses, nights, began Aug.30.

Dr. Prince on Governor's Committee:

Dr. Judith S. Prince, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs/Registrar, has been re-appointed by Governor George Busbee to the Governor's Committee on Post-secondary Education in Georgia. As representative of private colleges during 1978-79, Dr. Prince contributed to the preparation of a report for the Governor. The report identified ten areas in postsecondary education in Georgia that need attention, including communication and cooperation among institutions, efficient and effective use of public resources, and development of minimum competencies of graduates. Governor Busbee has charged the committee for 1979-80 with developing postsecondary goals which respond to the needs of the people. There will be frequent opportunities for public input. Any graduate of Wesleyan interested in sharing ideas about private education can contact Dr. Prince.

Dr. Strong Elected for Two-Year Term:

Dr. Leah A. Strong was elected Vice President of the Southeastern American Studies Association last spring. She will be program chairman for their meeting at Wesleyan in 1981.

Alumnae Asked to Help Recruit Students:

"I am most excited about the special Campus Visit Weekend we have scheduled October 26-28," says Janet Foster, Acting Director of Admissions. "Please note the corrected date. This will be an excellent opportunity for prospective students to learn about Wesleyan, experience college life and meet other prospective students from all over the country. We are sending invitations to over 3500 students (including those that you have referred to us). We would also love to have you come to enjoy all or part of the weekend - or even bring a carload of students with you! Just call the Admissions Office at (912) 477-0115 to make arrangements. In order to reach other students whose names we don't have, the Admissions Staff would like you to do us a favor. Could you please have your local high school newspaper run an ad that includes the copy of the following invitation? This would be good P.R. for us, in addition to reaching students who might not be familiar with Wesleyan, but who might like to come for a visit." Ad for high school papers:

 Be our guest at a WESLEYAN WEEKEND, Friday, October 26 - Sunday, the 28th.
 Arrival 5-9 P.M.; Welcome Dinner, Party with entertainment.
 Saturday - Breakfast, Mini-College Fair, Picnic by the lake, soccer game,
 dinner, Wesleyannes Concert, bonfire and pep rally.
 Sunday - Buffet brunch, check-out 11-1, buses leave for return.
 Chartered buses provided leaving Atlanta and Tallahassee Friday afternoon
 For reservations and more information call 912-477-0115.
 PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND!!

Of Music and Art Faculty:

Dr. Fletcher Anderson is Acting Chairman of the Music Department, with Dr. Sylvia Ross returned to full-time teaching. He serves as state advisor to Georgia's MENC and is Chairman-elect of the College Division of GMEA...Irene Feddern, Organ is editor of the Georgia Association of Music Therapists newsletter. Wesleyan will host the state meeting of the association November 2-3.. Miss Feddern appears in recital at Wesleyan October 15; in Houston, Texas, the 7th; St Philips Cathedral, Atlanta, the 28th, and at Tift College, Forsyth, Ga., November 5. Assistant Professor Nancy Rowland Rehberg, '66, directs a group of singers on ensemble music in operas. Available for concerts and workshops...A few Wesleyanne records are still \$5 each, from the Music Department.

Joel Plum, Acting Chairman of the Art Department, judged the Powers' Crossroad Festival in September. He is on the Professional Board of the Appalachian Corridor Craft Project...New on the Art faculty, Zdzislaw Sikora, showed 20 prints September 3-28 in the East Gallery, Porter Auditorium. Many of the prints were national prize winners. He has degrees from the Universities of Illinois and Wisconsin... Anthony Rice calls himself "a Southern artist" (born in the Phillipines he was educated in Virginia and at UNC, has been at Wesleyan six years). His paintings, sculpture, and prints are shown frequently in Georgia and elsewhere; and he is the only Georgia artist represented in the Smithsonian's National Collection of Fine Arts. October 1-30 he shows at Augusta Georgia College, Ga.; Oct. 16 he speaks at Middle Georgia Art Association, the Hay House, Macon; Oct. 26 he lectures at the SE College Art Assn. annual meet; Nov. 2 he speaks at the Augusta-Richmond County Museum, with a one-man show there Nov.5-Dec. 1; Nov. 3, he speaks to the Junior Service League of Augusta.

NOW: NEWS OF WESLEYAN

Of Wesleyan's 1979 graduates, one fifth are entering graduate school, one third have signed teaching contracts. Of the remainder most have attained challenging jobs in government and industry, with several entering management training programs in such specialized fields as engineering and computer programming, reports Marillyn Zurek, Director of Placement.

NOW

A phonathon to promote the Annual (Loyalty) Fund enlisted the efforts of students and alumnae for three weeks in October. Twelve phones were operated each night in the Trice Recreation Room, with good results. Fann Dewar Greer, '69, Macon, coordinated the project in conjunction with Southern Bell.

NOW

Dr. Gulnar Bosch will conduct a lecture series on Chinese Art and Early Hunting Castles March 24-25 as part of the Alumnae Association's program of Continuing Education. Dr. Bosch is a former chairman of Art History at Wesleyan. Also scheduled is a trip to the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, with its attendant cultural activities, on Sunday, April 13. Sandi Bell Shipp, '66, Macon, is chairperson.

NOW

The first annual Silver Thimble Award Show is being sponsored by the Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club October 24-28 in the Oval Hall of Candler Alumnae Center. Needlepoint, embroidery, clothing, amateur or professional, may be entered at \$1.50 per entry (\$7.50 maximum charge per person). A special category is 18 years and under. Glenda Kingry Gandy, '65, Macon, president of the Macon Club, is in charge.

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Arleen Atkins Finch, '56, Atlantis, Fla., was speaker for Honors Week on campus October 2, discussing the Honor Code.

NOW

Trustees and members of the Board of Associates met with students September 26 to learn of their issues and concerns. Some stayed for dinner and Senate meeting. William Hambright is chairman of the Trustee Committee on Student Affairs, with Dr. Joyce Schafer, VP for Student Affairs, liaison officer. Trustees and Associates joined students and faculty for the annual (ice cream) Sundaes at Schafer's on Sunday, September 16.

NOW

Travel opportunities in 1980 for alumnae and friends, sponsored by the Alumnae Association, include the Passion Play (Oberammergau, Munich, and Lucerne) June 13-20; Rhine River Country Tour (Belgium, Holland, Germany) July 2-9; West Coast (Reno, San Francisco, Monterey, Los Angeles) August 4-14; Caribbean Cruise (Bahia de Samana, San Juan, St. Croix) October 12-19; and Greece (Athens and Greek Islands) November 21-28. Also, Dr. Tom Boyd, VP for Academic Affairs, will conduct a trip to Russia March 21, and Ann Munck, associate professor of English, will take a group to the Passion Play, Norway, Denmark, and Sweden July 23-August 6. Write the Alumnae Office for details.

WESLEYAN CALENDAR

- August 7 New President announced
 30 Classes Begin
- September 4 Convocation, President Fred W. Hicks speaker
 13-14 Alumnae Council and Board of Managers
- October 4-6, 8 P.M. "The Women", by Clare Boothe Luce, Porter Auditorium. Set designed by George W. McKinney, Chairman of Theatre Department
 7-27 Jamie Boswell Howard, exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture East Gallery, Porter
 11 8 P.M. Macon Concert Association - The Paratore Brothers, duo-pianists, Porter
 15 8 P.M. Organ recital by Irene Feddern, of Faculty, Porter
 19-21 Father-Daughter Weekend
 22 1:30 P.M. "Getting Results With Children's Voices" by Young Singers of Callanwolde, Stephen Ortlip conductor, Recital Hall
 22 8 P.M. Concert by Young Singers of Callanwolde, Porter
 29 8 P.M. The Atlanta Virtuosi, guest pianist Edward Eikner, of faculty. Porter (Eikner performs in Sedona, Ariz., on the 12th, and in Jacksonville on the 19th)
- November 1-3 8 P.M. Wesleyan Drama Department presents "Picnic", Porter
 2-15 Linda Steed, '58, exhibition of paintings, East Gallery
 8 8 P.M. Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Porter
 9-10 Homecoming
 13 8 P.M. Macon Concert Association, Nina Beilina, Violinist, Porter
 16-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 2 3 P.M. Wesleyan Glee Club Annual Christmas Concert, Porter
 3 10:15 A.M. Workshop for Pianists by Diane Walsh, Benson Room
 3 8 P.M. Recital by Diane Walsh, pianist, Porter
 15 Christmas Holidays Begin (Offices closed 24-28)
- Classic movies are also presented each Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. in Taylor Amphitheatre; call 477-1110, Ext. 301 for information. Concerts and workshops are made possible by generous gift from Linda Anderson Lane, '19. A fee is charged for theatre and Macon Concert Association programs.

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